



Green to Cedar Rivers Trail  
North Segment  
Community Meeting  
January 11, 2017

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# King County Parks

## **Mission**

*Steward, enhance and acquire parks to inspire healthy communities.*

## **Vision**

*Parks, trails, and natural lands for all, sustained with the cooperative efforts of our community.*

# King County's Regional Trails System

**One of the nation's most extensive  
multi-use trail networks**

- 175 miles of trails
- Bothell to Auburn
- Seattle to the Cascade Mountains





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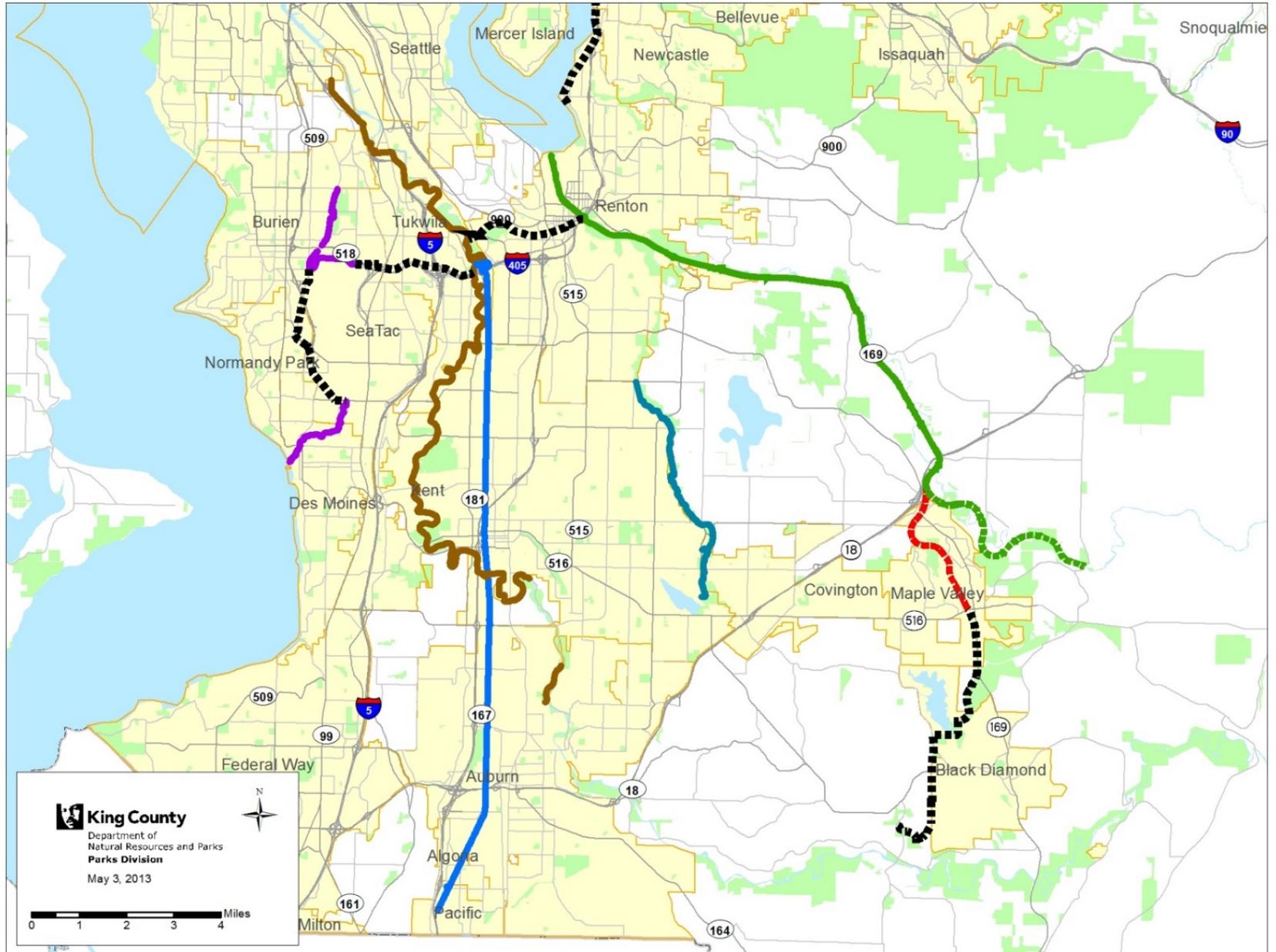
# Regional Trails Vision

- 300 miles
- Connecting 30 cities and 4 counties

Trails connect people to...

- ✓ nature
- ✓ recreation
- ✓ healthier lifestyles
- ✓ alternative ways to get around region

# Regional Trails in South King County





## Why Regional Trails?

- **Promote active recreation** *for health and well-being*
- **Expand access** *for all ages and abilities*
- **Ensure safety** *for trail visitors*
- **Build community** *as gathering space and destination*
- **Promote economic benefits** *(e.g. trailside businesses, property values)*
- **Enhance environmental sustainability**

# Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

Once completed...

- 11 mile-long trail
- Cedar River Trail to Flaming Geyser State Park
- Connecting people to nature, schools, government centers, neighborhoods, businesses
- Weaving through exceptional landscape of rivers, lakes and natural areas



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# Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

## Trail History

- Historic railroad corridor between Maple Valley and Lake Sawyer
- King County acquired the corridor in 1990s
- King County developed interim soft surface trail to allow for public use



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# Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

## Trail History

- Local area experiencing:
  - rapid population growth
  - traffic congestion
- Increased need for different types of recreation opportunities



# Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

## Trail History

- 2012 Feasibility Study
- Partnered with Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Covington



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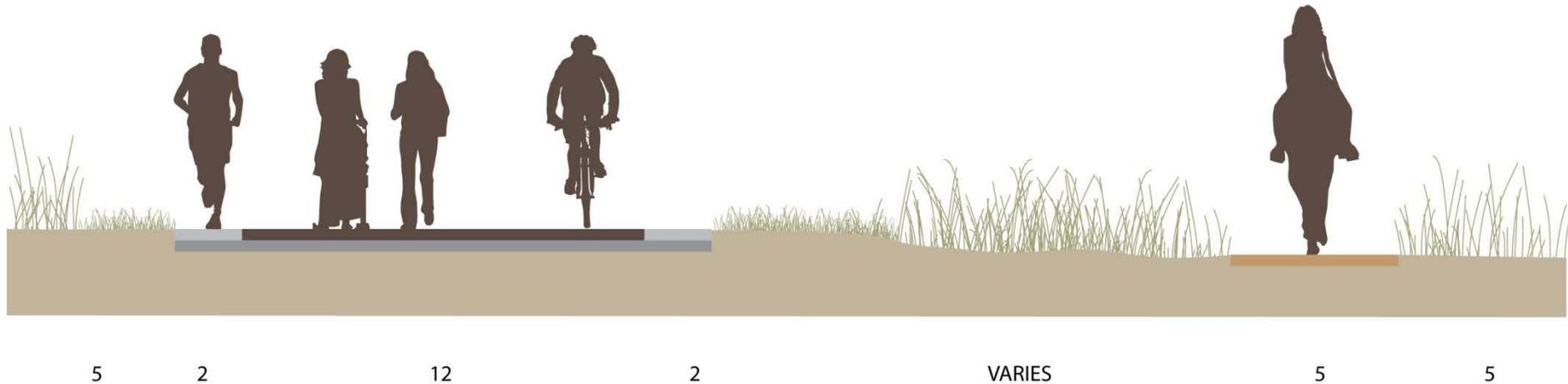
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## Project History

- 2014-2019 Parks Levy:
  - funded design and development of trail
  
- 2015 preliminary work:
  - Stakeholder group input
  - Inventory work
  
- 2016 - Project delayed
  
- 2017 – Design commences

# Preferred Trail Standard

Paved, shared-use trail  
with soft shoulders and accessory soft-surface trail



*Sample trail cross-section.  
Numbers indicate width in feet.*

# Key Considerations in Trail Design

- **Safety**, follow professional design guidelines
- **ADA** requirements
- **Increase access** for multiple trail activities
- **Appropriate facility** for current and anticipated future volumes of use
- **Feasibility** and **cost effectiveness** to maintain



# Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

## Key Findings from 2015 Engagement Design Requests

- Works for a diverse mix of users
- Maintains natural look and feel
- Connects to local communities through a variety of access points
- Provides a safe and enjoyable experience

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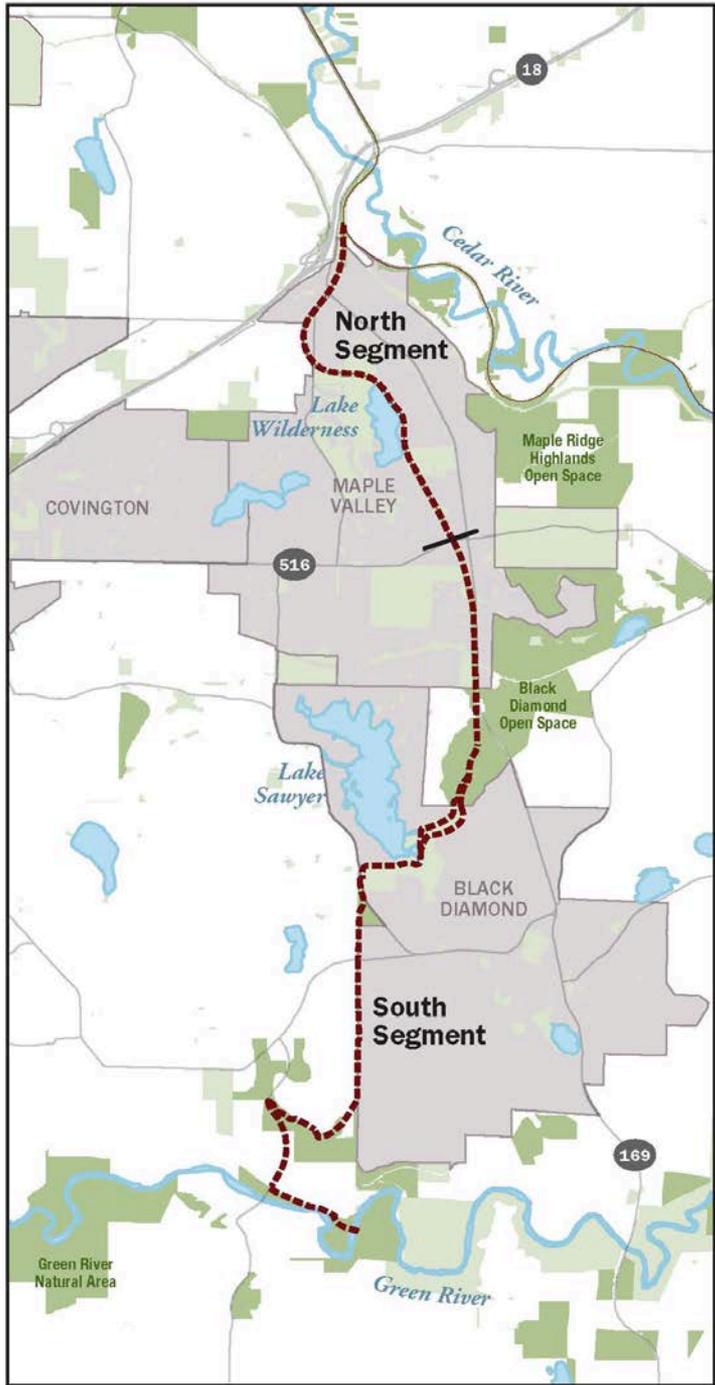
## Key Findings from 2015 Engagement Design Challenges

- Maintaining rural character
- Providing ADA accessibility
- Widening trail near Lake Wilderness
- Managing conflicts among users, esp competition for soft surface trails
- Addressing potential environmental concerns (e.g. runoff, water quality and slope erosion)

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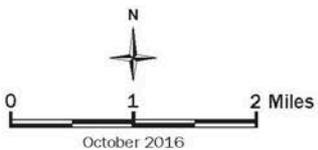
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REGIONAL TRAILS**  
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- Future Green to Cedar Trail
- Other Regional Trails
- King County Parks and Easements
- Other Public Lands
- Incorporated Areas
- Major Roads



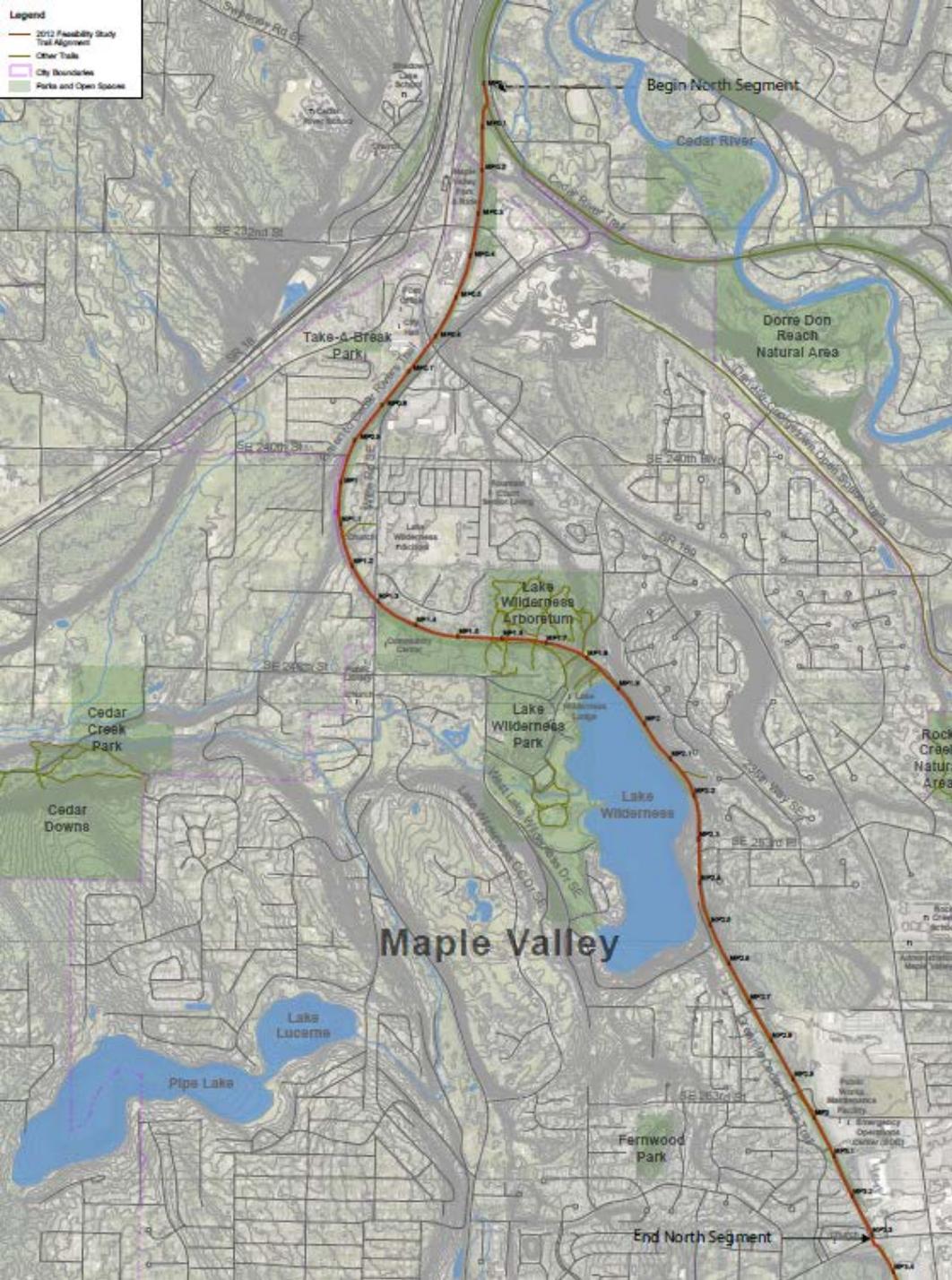
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# G2C Trail

- 11 mile-long corridor
- Travels through Maple Valley, Black Diamond, and unincorporated King County
- Intersects with Cedar River Trail
- Connects schools, parks, businesses, churches



# North Segment

- 3 miles
- Start: Cedar River Trail
- End: SE Kent-Kangley Rd
- Project features:
  - Benches
  - Native plants
  - Viewpoints
  - Signage
  - Kiosks

# G2C Trail Project Timeline

## NORTH SEGMENT



## SOUTH SEGMENT



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*Thank You!*

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